



IPC GOVERNING BOARD BIOGRAPHY

- **Name:** Chelse Gotell PLY
- **IPC position:** Member at Large
- **Elected:** 2025
- **Position (outside of IPC GB):** International Representative, Canadian Paralympic Committee; Member, World Para Sport Unit Board; Member, IPC Membership Engagement Committee
- **Nationality:** Canada
- **Languages spoken:**
- **Paralympic Games competed in:** Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, and Beijing 2008
- **Social media channels:** [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [X](#)



Chelsey Gotell is a Canadian three-time Paralympian, 12-time Paralympic medallist, and international sport governance leader whose career spans elite sport, operations, advocacy, governance, and healthcare. She is currently serving her second term as a Member-at-Large on the International Paralympic Committee Governing Board.

As a high-performance athlete, Chelsey represented Canada in Para swimming at three Paralympic Games – Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, and Beijing 2008 – winning a total of 12 Paralympic medals. She also achieved podium success across three World Championships and was widely recognised throughout her career for leadership, mentorship, and athlete representation alongside competitive excellence.

Following her retirement from competition, Chelsey transitioned into senior leadership roles within the Canadian Paralympic system. She worked for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organising Committee in Communications and PR, Sport and Athlete Relations, served as Chair of the Athletes' Council of the Canadian Paralympic Committee and has been a

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member of the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) Board of Directors since 2016.

Domestically, she played a key role in developing athlete transition programming that integrated mental health support, education, and career planning, reflecting a holistic approach to athlete wellbeing. She was also appointed to the Sport Canada Women in Sport Equity and Leadership Working Group and served as part of the CPC Mission staff at the London 2012, Sochi 2014, and Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

In parallel with her sport leadership, Chelsey is a healthcare professional and small-business owner, running an osteopathic practice in Canada. This work continues to inform her leadership and governance approach, grounding decision-making in empathy, listening, and long-term wellbeing.

At the international level, Chelsey served as Chair of the IPC Athletes' Council from 2017 to 2021. During this time, she also served on the Athletes' Commissions of the International Olympic Committee and the World Anti-Doping Agency, including appointment to WADA's Governance Reform Working Group, where she contributed to policy development aimed at increasing Paralympic representation within WADA.

During her first term as an IPC Member-at-Large, she also served on the World Para Sport Unit Board and chaired the Athletes with High Support Needs Task and Finish Group.

Across her second term on the IPC Governing Board, Chelsey remains focused on strengthening engagement with and between members, advancing transparent and inclusive governance, and supporting a Paralympic Movement that grows with integrity, collaboration, and long-term impact.

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